

“Tricks of the Trade”

- Hard problem?
- Let's do it the easy way!

Using Linearity and Time Invariance

If we can represent the input to a system as a linear combination

$$x[n] = ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$$

then the output can be computed as

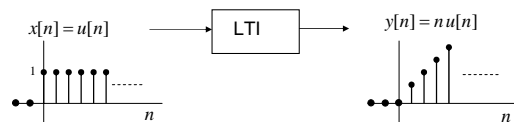
$$y[n] = ay_1[n] + by_2[n] \quad x_1 \rightarrow y_1, \quad x_2 \rightarrow y_2$$

Similarly, if we can represent the input to a system as a delayed version

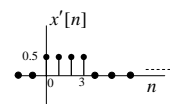
$$x[n] = x_1[n-d] \quad \text{then the output is} \quad y[n] = y_1[n-d]$$

These two properties can be used together.

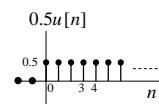
example



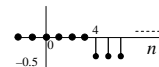
What is the response to the following input?



Write $x'[n] = 0.5u[n] - 0.5u[n-4]$

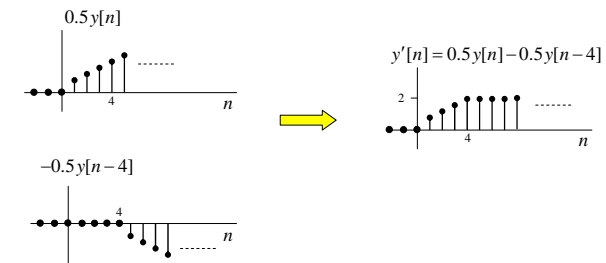


$-0.5u[n-4]$

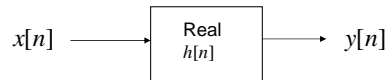


example (cont'd.)

The output is given by the sum:



Taking the Real Part



If $x[n]$ is a complex input, and $x[n] \rightarrow y[n]$
 then $\text{Re}[x[n]] \rightarrow \text{Re}[y[n]]$

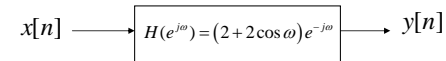
proof

Starting with $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]$

take the real part:

$$\text{Re}[y[n]] = \text{Re}\left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]\right] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]\text{Re}[x[n-k]]$$

example



If $x[n] = 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ what is $y[n]$?

solution

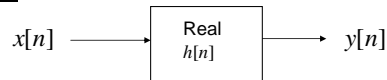
Let $z[n] = 2e^{j((\pi/3)n + \pi/4)}$ so that $x[n] = \text{Re}\{z[n]\}$

The response to $z[n]$ is:

$$y_z[n] = H(e^{j\omega})\bigg|_{\omega=\pi/3} \times 2e^{j((\pi/3)n + \pi/4)} = (3e^{-j\pi/3}) \times 2e^{j((\pi/3)n + \pi/4)} \\ = 6e^{j((\pi/3)n - \pi/12)}$$

therefore: $y[n] = \text{Re}[y_z[n]] = 6\cos((\pi/3)n - \pi/12)$

Exercise



If $x[n]$ is a complex input, and $x[n] \rightarrow y[n]$
 then show that

$$\text{Im}[x[n]] \rightarrow \text{Im}[y[n]]$$

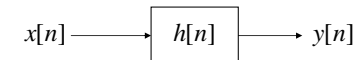
and

$$x^*[n] \rightarrow y^*[n] \quad (* \text{ denotes complex conjugate})$$

Cascade of Systems



This cascade is equivalent to a single system:

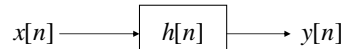
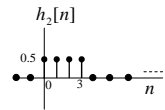
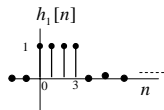
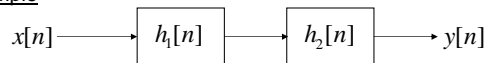


where $h[n] = h_1[n] * h_2[n]$ (convolution)

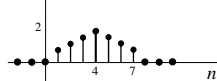
Corollary

Since $h_1[n] * h_2[n] = h_2[n] * h_1[n]$ we can always interchange the order of systems in a cascade.

example



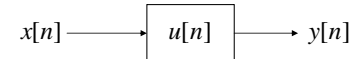
$$h[n] = h_1[n] * h_2[n]$$



equivalent system

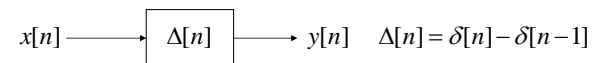
Some Special Systems

Discrete-time "integrator"



$$y[n] = x[n] * u[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$

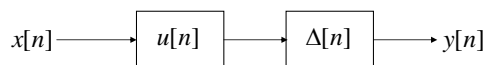
Discrete-time differencer



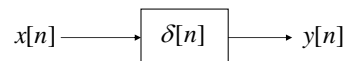
$$\Delta[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n-1]$$

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$

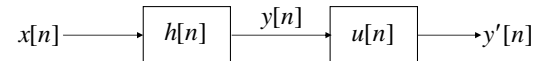
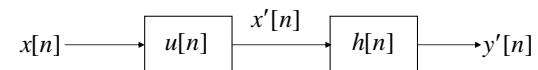
Integrator and Differencer as Inverse Systems



equivalent system



Integrating the Input



$$\text{If } x[n] \rightarrow y[n] \text{ then } \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] \rightarrow \sum_{k=-\infty}^n y[k]$$

$$\text{Similarly: } x[n] - x[n-1] \rightarrow y[n] - y[n-1]$$